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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: Fritz W. Ermarth  
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SUBJECT: Briefing the Vice President on Gorbachev's Policies

1. During Bob's swearing-in ceremony, the Vice President asked me why we had not been in to brief the President since the November pre-summit session. I used the occasion to say that (per our roundtable discussion of 15 April) we now have an even better grip on Gorbachev's problems and policy outlook than then. The Vice President asked me to schedule a briefing on all this through Don Gregg. I told Don I'd call to get on the VP's calendar.

2. I propose that we line up a trio (DDCI, D/SOVA, and me) to brief the VP ASAP along the lines of my discussion memo. This might lead to a return visit to the Oval Office, which might be timely in light of all the Soviet activism.

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